

## KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

July 12, 2021

via Zoom

### Attendees

Howdy Goudey	KE6BEE
Don Simon	NI6A
Annette McCoubrey	KJ6SWK
Larry Vanselow	KK6GIO
Tom Fattaruso	KN6BUY
Diane Richwine	KK6RED
David Swanson	KJ6AAT
Marion Gade	KC6OBK
Jerry Michaels	K6KOP
Karen Leong Fenton	KK6ZPM
Jay Fenton	KJ6WSS
Frans Kuypers	KJ6IUV
Curt Smith	KM6HFT
Blake Yeaman	KN6CMP
Michael Gold	AJ6RZ
Martha Richards	KN6ELO
Ran Bush	KK6MUX

### Agenda:

#### **Training session:**

- Review of Field Day

#### **Business session:**

##### **Old business**

- Distribution of GMRS radios

##### **New business**

- Discussion of finding a physical meeting location
- Recruiting for new officers (coming "retirements")

#### **Tech./Infrastructure**

- KCC future patch boxes
- Cerrito Vista and Canyon Trail patch boxes

- Check out the antenna given to Rob
- Removal and new home for Natalie's antenna

#### **Elmering**

- Request for Chirp volunteers - Karen

#### **Treasurer/Funding**

- Treasurer report

#### **Outreach/recruiting/web**

- Field Day outreach/publicity/tabling
- Recruiting new hams to KARO ECHO

#### **Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs**

- 1st Wed., reports

The meeting was called to order.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the June meeting minutes.

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#### **Training session**

Field Day review:

- The GOTA station was a success.
- The handouts were a success.
- Quite a few visitors, an estimation was possibly 60, hopefully some may turn into members.
- There were some equipment failures but we will learn from the failures for next year
- The decision to participate in Field Day was late so the park reservation was late. It would have been better to have had more time for PR.
- VHF operators and beginners were reluctant to operate on HF.
- The problems in this year's effort will be a benefit for next year.
- Experience operating in heavy traffic on Field Day can be a benefit for operating in an emergency situation.

#### **Business session**

##### **Old business**

- Active CERT area with neighborhood networks will receive 2 GMRS V1 radios.

##### **New business**

- A new in-person meeting place is needed for membership meetings. City financial problems have made the Arlington Clubhouse too expensive. The Kensington Youth

- Hut will be investigated but would not be available for several months.
- Two vacancies for KE officers, president and treasurer, will need to be filled next year.
- The treasurer report is in the newsletter.

#### **Technical**

- An antenna of unknown properties has been contributed for Cerrito Vista Park but it will need to be analyzed to see what it is before being installed.
- Natalie's roof antenna will be taken down and made available where it is needed.
- An antenna and patchbox installation will be considered for Canyon Trail Park clubhouse.

#### **Elmering**

- KK6ZPM asked for volunteers knowledgeable about chirp to program new operators' radios

#### **Outreach/Recruiting**

- Field Day visitors who left contact information should be contacted.

#### **Neighborhood nets/com. hubs**

- A presentation on the Zone-haven evacuation plan will be made on the 2nd Wednesday

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting.